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case the Government will use their good offices to call upon the employers to implement the recommendations of the Committee? If not, may I know why the Government do not wish to follow this tradition? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The implementation of the recommendations of the Tripartite Committee is one thing. A strike is a differrent thing. A strike may be legal and a strike may be illegal. But in this case, the Labour Officer has advised the workers that the strike was not within the four corners of the law.''

Bridges over the Kollegal-Hassanur road

* 1210 *Q.*—SRI K. H. BOMMAN (on behalf of Sri S. C. Virupakshiah) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to construct bridges over the jungle stream which cut across the Kollegal-Hassanur road and if so, the estimated cost of each?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for construction of culverts at a cost of Rs. 32,000 in mile 12/7, 13/1 and 1407 of the Kollegal-Hassanur Road."

Steel plant for Salem

* 1211 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government submitted any scheme to the Soviet Delegation for the setting up of a steel plant in Salem and Vriddhachalam area of Madras State on 20th December 1954;

(*b*) if so, what were their suggestions; and

(*c*) whether the scheme will be included in the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The delegation came with specific terms of reference made to it by the Government of India which did not provide for the presentation of any scheme by the State Government. It came to see things for itself and get information which was furnished on the availability of iron ores and facilities for the industry.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) There can be no workable scheme as such in the absence of coking coal.''

* 1212 *Q.*—SRI M. KALAYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposals were made by the State Government to the Central Government for opening a steel plant in the district of Salem;